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Notification of:

RUBEN E. SALAZAR

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For: **FIXED-NETWORK SYSTEM FOR
AUTOMATIC METER READING HAVING
A ONE-WAY LOCAL AREA NETWORK**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

The above-identified applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, to expire March 22, 2005. Form PTO-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing the charge of \$1,020 to cover the fee for a three-month extension.

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